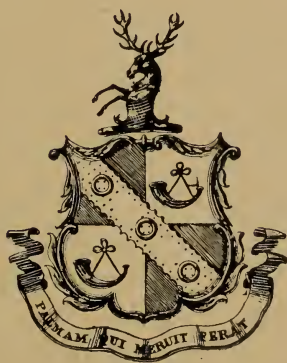


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Editorial

WHEN Matthew Arnold wrote of "this strange disease of modern life" he perhaps did not realize the extent to which it would affect the world in the century following his own. Today men grope for meaning in their confused dark world and often, in the fruitlessness of their search, either lapse into mental inertia and apathy, or escape through ever-open doors into the evanescent world of fantasy. Probably at no other time in the history of Western civilization has there been a greater demand for personal surety of purpose. To satisfy this need is a task to which a revitalized religious faith alone is equal. A sane, sound education, however, can prepare the way for such a faith by insistence upon standards of thought compatible with the belief that goodness and humility are the most desirable characteristics of civilized man.

An education should do what the Latin roots for the world suggest; that something be led out of young minds, that the best in the way of human virtue be led out and this before a mass of data without a moral integrating factor be introduced. At another time Arnold said that,

"... we ought to know the best that is known and thought in the world, irrespective of practice, and politics and everything of the kind, and to value knowledge and thought as they approach this best, without the intrusion of any other considerations whatever."

For many schools the accomplishment of this end, an end which, by offering to a child the essence of human experience as a guide through the labyrinth of a lifetime's desiring, assures it of some serenity and dignity, is not always easily attained. The modern world, with its manifold pricks, pressures, and enticements, is a strong competitor for possession of the young person's attention. It is for this reason that the boarding school, at some distance from the distractions and temptations of town life, has a peculiar advantage. Not only by being closer to Nature is it closer to the reality of the world but also it affords a quiet harbour wherein the craft of a young life can be made ready for sea without fear of being swamped. By confronting the young person with the best models of character and achievement through the medium of the arts, by precept from history and example of his elders, the school may reveal to him an inner urge to create and perfect his own creations in the light of humble goodness, which is the inspiration of a true leader. Leadership which is founded on constructive effort and sound character is most urgently needed in our world. Any institution which can foster such leadership deserves an honoured and assured position in the community which it strives to serve.





Chapel Notes

DURING 1946, the School Chaplain, the Reverend E. M. Willis, assisted from time to time by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, the Reverend Canon Coleman, the Reverend L. K. Sandercock, the Reverend H. T. Archbold and the Head Master endeavoured to make Christ and His Church a living reality in our weeks here at the School. The widely varied series of sermons delivered not only awakened us to the need for God, which we all must own, but also brought a glimpse of the ever-widening activities of the Anglican Church.

If our debt to these men had been confined but to this year alone, the task of writing an adequate note of appreciation would have been a difficult one. As it is, nearly another year has slipped away and of these men, the Reverend Mr. Willis and the Reverend Canon Coleman, to mention but two, have continued to work on our behalf.

The Annual Confirmation Service was held on April 7th in 1946, at which the following boys were confirmed: K. M. Hanson, J. A. Pearkes, J. B. Burr, I. C. E. Smythe, R. L. Rochester, T. D. Patterson, and G. H. S. Parke. The 1947 Confirmation Service took place on March 30th and the following boys were confirmed: R. T. Berry, J. S. Hagar, G. D. McFarland, P. Eaton, J. C. S. Edwards, A. A. Parke, and J. A. R. Bourke. As usual, the beautiful flowers in evidence were presented by Mrs. P. A. Woodward.

The one Service which each year stands out in particular is the Armistice Service held on November 10th, 1946, and on November 9th, 1947, at both of which we were genuinely delighted to see the large number of Old Boys and parents.

Miss Gildea Leaves

THE Cowichan district has become famous far and wide for its private schools. Established not primarily for money-making, but on a foundation of high ideals, they have, and are making a wonderful contribution towards maintenance of those things in life which are worthwhile: honesty, tolerance, freedom, progress, and most important, faith in the be all and end all of living.

One of those who has played a large part in establishing the good name of Cowichan's private schools has recently laid down her tools to leave this week-end to return to the land of her birth.

This is Miss Gildea, who founded Strathcona Lodge School at Shawnigan Lake over 20 years ago and has guided its destinies as head mistress throughout those years. With her to England will go the good wishes of a host of pupils and many other friends; behind her will be many regrets for the loss to the educational field of B.C. which her departure causes.

Miss Gildea's upbringing and background fitted her eminently for her life-long work of training, directing and advising girls. At Strathcona her principles were built into the character of hundreds of young girls from many parts of B.C., Canada and across the line. They received a foundation for life that could bear of wider application. No compromise with laxity was here, withal she won the love and respect of her pupils and all with whom she came in contact.

To Miss Gildea we wish God-speed. To her successor, Miss Davies, we voice a welcome and good wishes.

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School Notes

WE must apologize for the omission from these Notes of many events which readers may regard as having been of great interest. Limitations of space, nevertheless, have demanded a pruning of material for the account must embrace all happenings from December, 1945, to January, 1948. Obviously, then, if an event was not of the highest moment it had to be discarded by the editors though not without regrets.

Each School Year brings in its trains at least one major happening. The two years which have just elapsed have not been, in this sense, exceptions. Nineteen forty-six saw the retirement of Miss Gildea as Head Mistress of Strathcona, an event which was received with a sense of loss by the whole community. Nineteen forty-seven brought, as if in compensation, the news that Shawnigan Lake and its already renowned School for Boys was before the eyes of a Continent. The School was in "Time" and America learned of "Shadows and Substances," of a Head Master and his dogs, of boys and a "hickory stick." These two items have been given special attention in a separate section of this issue.

1946

The Junior Matriculation results were again good. In this year we won the District Scholarship for the third year running.

In this year of the new peace we were delighted to see so many Old Boys up for the November week-end. We hoped then that in the following years they would come in increased numbers, for the interest which Old Boys take in our

life can make a vital contribution to the progress of the School. Happily, as we know now, our hopes were to be realized.

One of the outstanding features of the School Year was a visit and address by the President of the University of British Columbia, Dr. Norman A. M. MacKenzie.

In order to supplement the more formal aspects of education and learning, the School has made several trips to Victoria and neighbouring vicinities to take advantage of happenings of interest. Among the more notable of such excursions was a journey to the Oak Bay Theatre to see the Laurence Olivier production of "Henry V," and a visit to H.M.C.S. "Uganda." On the musical side, concerts by Harry Adaskin and Dr. Grossmith were fully enjoyed by boys and Staff alike. A fascinating lecture by Dr. Pearce of the Dominion Astrophysical Observatory provided a new insight into the mysteries of the Universe.

1947

During the summer we were sorry to hear of the total loss, by fire, of the Main Building of Brentwood College. We offered them the use of Copeman's House as temporary quarters where they remained as our guests for the Michaelmas Term before moving to occupy another establishment at Patricia Bay.

Large numbers of parents and Old Boys crowded into the Big School to view the annual Rag Concert on November 8th. The following morning The Reverend E. M. Willis conducted Chapel services before a large congregation of visitors and boys. In the afternoon The First Fifteen battled against a "veterans' guard" of Old Boys in one of the most exciting Rugby games of the year. Despite a severe injury to one of their players "ye ancients" struggled gamely and were victorious with a score of 11-8.

This year The Old Boys' Association announced its intention of awarding a twenty-dollar prize of books to the winner of The Efficiency Cup in each Term. Parke II, as holder of the Cup for the Michaelmas Term, was the first person eligible for the new award.

We wish to express our appreciation to The Reverend Canon Michael Coleman for so ably conducting a series of Scripture classes on Friday afternoons with the Senior Forms. His efforts have contributed much toward broadening and deepening the outlook of the boys concerned.

A series of Sunday evening classical music concerts have been held this year in order to acquaint the boys with the works of great composers and to lay a basis for their future appreciation of this art. While attendance is compulsory for the Juniors, many Seniors have attended voluntarily.

The Head Master paid a short visit to both Vancouver and Seattle where he met with warm hospitality on the part of parents, Old Boys and friends of the School.

Berry, of the IVth Form, won the First Prize of his class in the photographic competition sponsored by The Malahat Board of Trade.

The Annual Pancake Greaze must not be forgotten. This was won on March 5th, 1946, by Forrest and Bourke for Form VU; and on February 18th, 1947, by Parke I and Pruett I for Form VU.

The Athlone School of Vancouver held its annual Camp at Shawnigan and had the use of Copeman's House and the grounds during the summers of 1946 and 1947.

Examinations

1946

WE had no boys writing Senior Matriculation this year but our candidates again did well in the Junior Matriculation. Eight boys wrote the full Matriculation and all passed, gaining an average mark of 73.55%. Upper Fifth and Lower Fifth boys passed in 32 out of 35 papers.

J. S. Oostermeyer, with an average mark of 87.93%, gained the Provincial Scholarship for the Vancouver Island and Lower Mainland District. This scholarship is awarded to the candidate obtaining the highest marks in the June Examinations and is open to boys and girls from all schools, Public and Private, in this district. This is the third consecutive year in which this Scholarship has been won by the School.

1947

We had four Senior Matriculation candidates, and all passed comfortably with an average mark of 66.7%. Freeth is now at the University of Toronto and Naden at the University of Washington. The Junior Matriculation results were not of quite so high a standard as in previous years, but three candidates passed in all subjects and the remaining three obtained partial standing. Upper Fifth candidates gained high marks in the subjects which they wrote. In all, 125 papers were written and pass marks were gained in 103. Eighty per cent or over was obtained in thirteen papers.

PRIZE LIST, JUNE, 1946

FORM VI—J. S. Oostermeyer.
FORM VU—S. G. Milbrad.
FORM VL—P. G. R. Relton.
FORM IV—M. Copithorne.
FORM REMOVE B—R. W. MacLaren.
FORM II—J. C. McKay.
GENERAL PROGRESS I—W. R. Forrest.
GENERAL PROGRESS II—
T. H. Gowman.
BISHOP'S PRIZE FOR READING—
I. G. L. Freeth

EFFICIENCY PRIZE—
Michaelmas Term—E. T. Naden.
Lent Term—E. T. Naden.
Summer Term—
HOUSE CUP (Sports)—Ripley's House
THE GROGAN TENNIS CUP—
J. S. Oostermeyer
SENIOR DIVING CUP—E. T. Naden
JUNIOR DIVING CUP—D. G. Butt
SPORTSMANSHIP CUP—J. B. Burr.

PRIZE LIST, JUNE, 1947

FORM VII—H. A. Fraser
FORM VI—K. R. Smith
FORM VU—T. H. Gowman
FORM VL—J. B. Burr
FORM IV—G. M. Smith
FORM REMOVE—J. C. McKay
FORM III—L. O. Louis
FORM II—G. E. Fuller

GENERAL PROGRESS I—J. A. Thielen
GENERAL PROGRESS II—
G. D. McFarland
GENERAL PROGRESS III—G. T. Tiffin
SPORTSMANSHIP CUP—J. W. Pruett
(Runner-up)—J. B. Burr
GOOD LOSER'S CUP—J. W. Kueckelhan
(Runner-up)—W. J. Flint



Cadet Corps

1946

WE had a keen Corps last year and, at the annual Inspection, we were rated 95% efficient. The Corps ranked first in our area and third in the Province. Spurred by these results, we hope to do even better this year. Interest in Shooting was maintained by the introduction of Recreational Shooting. Badges won during the year were:

First Class Badge.....	27
Marksman Badge	7
Expert Badge	1

Eight boys gained certificates for Morse Signalling and four for Advanced Morse.

This year, with an increased enrollment, we have a company of three Platoons. Freeth is Cadet Captain. Cadet Lieutenants, appointed on the results of a Promotion Examination, are: Milbrad, Piddington and Forrest. Burrows is Company Sergeant and Naden again Quarter Master Sergeant.

1947

Throughout this year our Cadet Corps has functioned exceedingly well. In marksmanship our Corps was top in British Columbia and the signalling was outstanding.

During the year the Cadets and the Officers trained well together and at our annual Inspection the Corps did its best to execute the results of the year's training.

There was a Cadet hike which was an inter-house competition and which had as its object the reaching of certain territorial positions with the aid of maps.

The badge for the best marksman in the Corps was won by Cadet Gordon Parke. This Marksman Badge is given annually to produce competition.

The new recruits of this year have advanced rapidly and are becoming well-trained under our Officers.

Music Notes

THIS year, for three days each week, Mr. Jenkins, the Choir Master and Organist of Christ Church Cathedral, has come from Victoria to teach Music and to train the Choir. The Choir, although it shows gradual improvement, could use more support from the boys. It is hoped that more of them will realize the pleasure which can be obtained from singing and will offer to join us for we urgently need more strength in the boxes.

Musical Appreciation classes are held in the Big School each Sunday evening for the Junior School. It is gratifying to find a number of Seniors also attend these Concerts voluntarily. From time to time we have been fortunate to have the musical life of the School enriched by visits to musical recitals in Victoria or by the appearance at the School of well-known artists. This year a number of boys attended the performance of Handel's Messiah at Christ Church Cathedral on December 14th. For the second year in succession Harry Adaskin has come to the School to give us a violin recital. The first part of this year's Programme consisted of a short lecture on the construction of a Sonata which was illustrated by various passages from Beethoven's Sonata No. 1 in A, Op. 30.

The complete Programme is shown below:

VIOLIN RECITAL

HARRY ADASKIN, *Violin*

FRANCES MARR, *Piano*

Held at Shawnigan Lake School on Thursday afternoon, November 20th, 1947.

Sonata in A, Op. 30, No. 1.....	Beethoven
Romanza Andaluza	Sarasate
La Chasse	Kreisler
Sea Murmurs	Castelnuovo-Tedesco
Danse Champetre	Sibelius
Christmas Cradle Song	Reger
Obertass Mazurka	Wieniowski
Ca plus que lente	Debussy



RAG CONCERT

The Rag Concert

THERE was an air of greater excitement than usual as November's second week-end drew near. To all of us it means a pleasant break in school routine, while most of us have additional reasons for the welcome we so gladly give it.

As usual, the holiday atmosphere first made itself felt on Friday afternoon when the absence of school combined with the happy hammering of amateur stage-hands, under the expert guidance of Mr. Twite, added the magic touch of unreality to the dying moments of another week. On Friday night final rehearsals were held after which we went happily to bed in eager anticipation of the morrow. On Saturday morning we were kept busy until eleven o'clock when parents and Old Boys began to arrive.

At last it was seven-thirty, zero hour for the concert. The scene in the dining-room—which seemed to be fulfilling every function except that for which it was built—was one of indescribable, but apparently controlled, chaos. Mrs. Morres and her cohorts were busy adding the last touches of make-up. There was the usual panic and the usual last-minute search for garments that would fit and for spears that had been mislaid. However, an air of magnificent and all-pervasive optimism made it quite apparent that nothing could go really wrong. The Rag Concert of 1947 will long be remembered for the excellence of the entertainment provided. There was considerable variety, the jokes were intelligible, and the actors, by and large, were obviously enjoying themselves instead of suffering heroically, and therefore making the audience suffer too. While it would be invidious to make detailed comparisons of the fare provided, special mention should perhaps be made of three items. The Upper Fifth play struck just the right note. The scene was laid in a milieu that must have been faintly familiar to both boys and parents, the humour was topical, and the sight of Mainguy furtively issuing by a rope from the Trojan Horse is one that will long be remembered. Mr. Twite laid about him with evident zest playing no favourites and making us all in turn cry, "Touché," at the shrewdness of his barbed thrusts. Even the Old Boys were not spared, but the Old Boys had their revenge the next day. Mr. Holms, too, went to the Classics for his inspiration, but, while Mr. Twite had used them merely as a convenient peg on which to hang some Shownigan clothing, the Lower Fifth proceeded to burlesque them. Johnson excelled as did Tuttle, the latter showing a side of himself that we had long suspected but never actually seen. The third item was the closing number on the programme. It was a ballet produced by the Matrons in which Mr. Brown played the role of ballerina with a delicate grace and wistful old-worldliness. The manner in which he maintained his seventeenth-century expression, thus not dislodging a carefully-planted dimple, would have made any poker player envious. Kingscote, who presented the traditional bouquet at the end of the performance, was gratefully thanked by the ballerina, also in the traditional way, an unrehearsed item which the audience was quick to appreciate.



Hobby Shop

1946

ALTHOUGH the Hobby Shop last year was more or less an each-man-for-himself affair, much fine work was turned out. As head of the Printing Club, Berry must receive credit for the very attractive school stationery which has been used by many boys. Gowman and Hagar spent much time in the Photography Club setting up a portrait system with a complete lighting arrangement.

Perhaps the most interesting section of the Shop was the Model Club. If one had taken the trouble to push aside the oily rags and wood chips, one would have seen fine examples of workmanship by Ranken and Billings to name but two.

Although nothing of great note was turned out of the Machine Shop, this part of the building is concerned mainly with training the younger members of the School to use elementary hand tools in preparation for the more specialized clubs.

1947

Although it is a bit early in the year to review the accomplishments of the Hobby Shop, one can see that the work done shows a definite improvement over that of last year. No longer is there disorder, but at present, each club has its own tag list and bank account.

The Stamp Club has been revived with great enthusiasm and this hobby provides great joy to the members.

The Machine Shop is running at full tilt. One of the most interesting projects is under the able supervision of Mr. Nutter and is that of building a rail for the flag-pole.

The members of the Taxidermy and Natural History Club have been mastering the elements of taxidermy and trying their skill on such specimens as they have been able to obtain. They hope that next Term they will be able to add to these indoor activities the study of animals in their natural haunts.

Ripley's House Notes

AND so, dear reader, another Term has passed. We have contributed our fair share to the School Teams, boasting three members in the 1st Rugby Team. Unfortunately we have no inter-house games to report on except a basketball game in which we triumphed over Lake's House, 30-22.

Just before the Rag Concert, the Senior Common Room was inspired by the idea of re-decorating. We threw off the shackles of Ease with which we have so long been burdened and began a Fall cleaning. First came scraping and sanding, followed by calcimining and painting. Thanks to Mrs. Ripley's very generous donation we were able to buy some new furniture which gave the New Look to the room. Let us hope that the members of our House will from now onwards keep the Common Room in a decent condition. We greatly appreciated the work done by the Head Master who came in every day and did his fair share at painting, scraping and any job that happened to be vacant.

While this feverish labour was going on, the Rag Concert was looming dangerously close and in the midst of our labours we prepared our House Play. It went off better than anyone had expected: our subject was that ever-popular radio hero, Jack Armstrong.

Lake's House Notes

LAKE'S HOUSE is again the largest in the School. In 1946-47 we had three School Prefects: Milbrad, Freeth and Harrison. This year Milbrad was appointed Head of the School and is ably assisted by Pearkes and Gowman as School Prefects. In addition, Burr, Randall and Balshaw have been appointed House Prefects.

The House has for these last two years been well-represented on the 1st XV and Cricket XI, and has given a number of Officers and N.C.O.'s to the School Cadet Corps. Besides these athletic efforts many members of Lake's have shown an interest in the varied activities of the Hobby Shop.

Our plays in the Rag Concerts of the last two years have been much appreciated and have supplied those taking part with considerable enjoyment.

During the Summer Holidays, Kenderdine, who was unable to return home to Japan, prepared a most welcome surprise for the House by painting out the Senior Common Room.

Burr is making valiant and successful efforts as organ accompanist for the School during the Sunday Services in Chapel.

We welcome Mr. Brown who joined the Staff as Housemaster this Term and has already done much to raise the spirit in the House through his keen and untiring efforts.

Groves' House Notes

IT usually seems to be true that Groves' House has fewer members than any of the other Houses: such has been the case both last year and this year. It is, however, always true that what we lack in quantity, we make up in quality.

Last year our only School Prefect, Forrest, and our two House Prefects, Fraser and Pruett 1, left us together with Pruett 2, Maclaren, Gillis and Coyne.

This year we welcome Johnson, Dunn, Robinson, McDonald, Walker, Tutin, McAlpine and de Grandcourt.

Day, Parke 1 and Billings are School Prefects and are ably assisted by Parke 2 and Bice as House Prefects. We have claimed our fair representation on the football field having six of our members in the School 1st XV and five in the Colts Team.

Last year in the Boxing Tournaments we won the Heavyweight Championship and nearly every other boy who fought won in his weight. Our Team for this year shows great promise.

During the year the Cadet Corps was run on an inter-house basis and Groves' proudly claimed the honour of first place.

In the Rag Concert this year we put on a skit, "Casey at the Bat," which, we believe, was a success.

We welcome Mr. Nutter as our Housemaster. He joined the Staff in September and has already put into effect many new ideas all to the betterment of the spirit and discipline of Groves'.

Last, but by no means least in importance, we wish to extend our thanks to Miss Stewart for the trouble she has taken in making such an excellent job of the new curtains for the Senior Common Room. Our thanks also go to Mrs. Groves and to an Old Boy, A. C. Johnson, for such generous donations to the Groves' House fund.



Rugby Notes

1946

THE Rugby season this year was not a great success. The First Fifteen won one game against Navy C, but lost games to Brentwood, the University School and the Oak Bay High School. Every game, however, was played with enthusiasm and courage.

The Second Fifteen lost its only match to Navy D.

The Colts, although they might have been judged as a good team, lost their matches to the University School and Brentwood College. There can be no doubt that they made a good Colts' Team for the 1947 season as events have proved.

The line-up for the First Fifteen was as follows: Naden (Captain), Mil-

brad, Parke 1, Billings, Day, Pruett 1, Freeth, Forrest, Smith 1, Bourke, Burrows, Hanson, Ranken, Birch, Harrison and Kueckelhan.

1947

The Team this year was again very unlucky. Out of the six matches we played. we lost every one. We have a much lighter Team than last year and only five members of last year's team were on the First Fifteen this year.

We suffered some minor injuries from time to time but they did not hinder the Team from improving in every game. We were up against much stronger, faster and more experienced teams, but from the spectator's view-point Shawnigan played well throughout the season.

The Colts defeated Brentwood College in two games, lost a game, and tied for another. Although they were trounced by University School, 18-0, they show great promise.

The line-up for the First Fifteen was as follows: Day (Captain), Milbrad, Anderson, Balshaw, Billings, Birch, Burr, Butt, Cowell, Johnson, Loughary, Parke I, Parke II, Pearkes, Putnam, Tuttle and Walters.

Cricket

THE seasons of 1946 and 1947 were very short owing to the late date for Easter. We had in both years a very young and inexperienced Team which never completely settled down. In 1946 we lost four matches, won one, and had one spoiled by rain. In 1947 out of seven games we again managed to win only one, losing badly three of the remaining six.

Throughout both years the bowling and fielding were up to standard, but the batting was weak. In 1946 we had only four boys of the 1945 Team. In 1947 we had seven of the 1946 Team.

The Colts XI of both years was a keen and promising side and should provide good material for the future.

In 1947 the Staff challenged the School to a game which turned out to be the most interesting of the season. In this game our able Staff overcame the School 62-60.

Scores, 1946:

First Eleven	130	vs. Oak Bay C.C.	15
	35	University School	53
	45	Brentwood College	112 for 9
	24 for 3	University School	did not bat
	28	Canon Coleman	117
	32	Old Boys	63
Colts Eleven	40	Glenlyon	38

1947:

First Eleven	32	vs. Oak Bay C.C.	71
	68	Cowichan C.C.	47
	28	University School	102
	61	Old Boys	99
	60	Canon Coleman	62
	12	Brentwood College	79
	11	University School	175

Valete

VALETE—1946

RIPLEY'S

- Brewton, A. H. B., 1944
Collen, F. B., 1944
Goodenough, P. J., 1943. School Prefect, 1st XV, 1st XI
Patterson, R. M., 1944
Rochester, H. J., 1943
Wood, M. N. C., 1943

LAKE'S

- Patterson, T. D., 1945
Smythe, I. C. E., 1944
Smythe, N. D. E., 1944

GROVES'

- Brassington, R. C., 1944
Cannon, F. I., 1945
Chapman, R. D., 1940. School Prefect, 1st XV, 1st XI.
Copithorne, M., 1945
Ogden, R. A. G., 1945
Oostermeyer, J. S., 1940. School Prefect, 1st XV, 1st XI.
Rochester, R. L., 1944
Wright, W. J., 1945
Veasey, E. G., 1943

VALETE—1947

RIPLEY'S

- Burrows, A. W. R., 1940. 1st XV.
Hanson, K. M., 1943. 1st XV, 1st XI.
Kueckelhan, J. W., 1945. 1st XV, 1st XI.
Mauk, J. W., 1945.
Naden, E. T., 1945. School Prefect, 1st XV, 1st XI.
Pope, W. A., 1945.
Relton, P. G. R., 1944. 1st XI.

LAKE'S

- Bourke, J. A. R., 1940. 1st XV, 1st XI.
France, R. G., 1945.
Freeth, I. G. L., School Prefect, 1st XV, 1st XI.
Harrison, J. B., 1945. School Prefect, 1st XV, 1st XI.
Piddington, M. C. W., 1945
Ranken, J. T., 1944. 1st XV, 1st XI.

GROVES'

- Coyne, B. J. L., 1944.
Forrest, W. R., 1945. School Prefect, 1st XV, 1st XI.
Fraser, H. A., 1944.
MacLaren, R. W., 1945.
Pruett, J. W., 1944. 1st XV.
Pruett, R. L., 1945.

Shawnigan Lake Old Boys' Society

Vancouver, B.C.,

TO ALL SHAWNIGAN LAKE OLD BOYS:

May 15, 1948.

It is just over two years since some of us took the first postwar step to re-construct the Old Boys' Society. During that period we have had two general meetings and we expect to hold our third early in June this year. Your Executive Committee, elected at the last general meeting, has been holding periodic meetings and corresponding with Old Boys in the endeavour to maintain and increase the interest of Old Boys in the School.

In spite of the Trojan efforts of our Secretary, Derek Johnston, to contact Old Boys elsewhere, the results so far have not required a full-time paid Secretary. Unquestionably, the number of "dud" addresses had a great deal to do with this lack, but otherwise we have had no other indication that the balance have reached the addressees. Please send a correct and up-to-date mailing address to the Secretary, Derek L. Johnston, 1236 Nanton Ave., Vancouver, B.C., and please ask other Old Boys you know to do the same.

There is one point which your executive want to make clear to all Old Boys everywhere. In all our actions we have tried to avoid in every way considering merely the Vancouver Branch, feeling that we must approach our problems with a much wider viewpoint. We still are anxious to make this executive representative of the whole potential membership, at least in the larger centres.

The inspiration of a strong and active Old Boys Club lies in two main roots, I think:—our loyalty to our School and its ideals, and our desire to foregather occasionally with our contemporaries in a "spot of fun and games." In former years our dances and dinners were always looked forward to and fully subscribed. Our dues were easy to collect and seemed to have been as freely spent—on ourselves. We don't appear to have benefitted the School, except by swaggering around it occasionally on Old Boys' Days.

We now want the active membership and support of all Old Boys in a properly representative Society, for service to the School and for pleasure for ourselves. We have started in a small way with the donation of an Old Boys' Prize of \$20.00 worth of books each term to the winner of the Efficiency Cup. We have played the School at cricket and rugger, and each occasion has seen a good turnout of Old Boys. We are preparing plans for a solid contribution to the War Memorial Fund—to provide scholarships in the names of Old Boys killed in the war—which we hope to lay before the next general meeting. We do need the interest of Old Boys everywhere in these activities to keep the Society a "going concern." At present the Vancouver Committee is carrying the load, and gladly, but it is obvious that it cannot cater adequately for the interests of groups of Old Boys in other cities, at least not for ever. How about it, Calgary, Kelowna, Portland, Seattle, Victoria?

If you are not now on our books and would like to know more, please write to the Secretary, as above, or the undersigned at 1231 Haro Street, Vancouver, B.C., and we will be glad to reply at once.

Hoping to hear from you,

Yours sincerely,

W. G. H. ROAF,
President.

Old Boys' Notes

Ned Larsen has completed three years at U.B.C. and, after a summer interval of teaching at Shawnigan, will return to 'Varsity for one more year. In 1947 he won the Flying Officer Reverend George Robert Pringle Memorial Bursary of \$200, for which award an undergraduate is selected for "academic ability, sterling, unselfish character, and active participation and leadership in University sport."

Captain John Woodman was awarded the British Master Pilot's Certificate, a hard-to-get flying distinction, after completing 1¼ million miles of flying, including 150 Atlantic crossings.

Alan Best is probably runner-up to John Woodman as "the most-travelled Old Boy" this year, as he has been wandering over the Andes and pampas of South America in search of rare birds and animals for famous Zoos.

Bruce Robertson, the School's first Head Prefect, is General Solicitor for the B.C. Electric in Vancouver.

Bill Roaf is President of the Old Boys' Society and spends whatever time he can spare from that arduous duty in acting as District Administrator for the Department of Veterans' Affairs in Vancouver.

Doug. Macrae and Derek Johnston were appointed Governors of the School this year, joining Bill Roaf to make three Old Boys on the Board. Rumour hath it that they have so far forgotten the days of the hickory stick as to be sometimes argumentative in Council with their Head Master.

Tom Piddington was writing the history of the R.C.A.F. in World War II until recently when he returned to Victoria.

G. S. Elliott is an Inspector of Canadian National Railways in Winnipeg. . . . J. H. B. Watson is Chief Accountant to the City of Victoria . . . Gordon Taylor is studying at Edison Technical School in Seattle . . . Dean Johnson was at Caltec and may continue at Harvard . . . Maurice Ratray is taking Ph.D. at Caltec . . . Glen Archer is at Cornell.

Bob Douglas, Doug. Macrae and Tom Ladner have all become partners in their father's law firms in Vancouver.

Marco Gandossi, Beynon Housser, Ted Covernton and Ramsay Milne are battering their way through the Siegfried line of examinations in chartered accountancy.

Lieutenant-Colonel John Lake is taking special courses at the U.S. Army Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia, and Lieutenant-Commander Pat Nixon is at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, England.

Doctor Alan Crisp has a distinguished-looking set of letters after his name and practises psychiatry in Toronto.

Gordon Best left the R.A.F., was engineering in Toronto, and has just settled in Vancouver.

Don Cromie publishes the Vancouver Sun newspaper in the tradition set by his father.

Colonel S. E. E. Morres and Commander Phil Haddon study problems of global strategy in Ottawa.

Geoff Dyson is in charge of administration of schools in the Williams Lake area; he must sometimes see Bob Cromie at the O. K. Ranch; and John Holland

was up that way ranching for a year, but is now a Fisheries Department Inspector at Nanaimo.

Doctors Warren Bell and F. D. L. Crofton are curing or killing at Vancouver General Hospital.

Doug Green gathers no moss and was last heard of reporting for the Canadian Press in Edmonton.

Mickey Stirling and A. C. Campbell wear respectively two and a half and two stripes in the Royal Navy . . . R. H. McCleary is Lieutenant in the permanent force, U.S. Army.

Jack Larsen, Gordon Draeske, Steve Covernton, Bruce Mackenzie and Alan Gardner are all in various branches of the lumber industry in B.C.

At the Society's annual general meeting held in Vancouver in December, 1946, Mr. C. W. Lonsdale, Head Master, and Mr. P. T. Skrimshire, Senior Master, were elected honorary members of the Society.

Last Seen and Heard of

BY ALISTER FRASER

SPOTTED outside the Royal York Hotel in Toronto with his bride on arm—Monty Drake, complete in a kilt. . . . Speaking of hotels, a lot of the O.B.'s seem to have found their way therein in the past few years . . . Bob Simpson was a regular habitue of the Berkeley Hotel in Montreal . . . also in the Berkeley was William Hanbury . . . while the Vancouver in the city of the same name often had the good fortune to house Pat Ballentine . . . while the Georgia is always a popular rendezvous, some guests in the downstairs suite one day a few months ago included Alan Gardner, Jack Nicholls, the aforementioned Ballentine, Victor Spencer . . . Jack was on his way home to a family dinner preparatory to sailing for England where he is about to join a London banking firm . . . among the financial wizards are Doug Newton and Art Smith who are trying to unload Calgary Power Preferred on an unsuspecting market . . . R. L. V. Jermain with P. A. Gibbs, Chartered Accountant, Victoria . . . the Royal Trust Company in Victoria provides a home for four other Old Boys in the persons of R. W. Phipps, K. S. Leeming, D. C. S. Barker and H. A. Fraser . . . Bill Ridewood was last heard of in the Bank of Montreal in Montreal . . . Jimmy Burns is selling insurance in Seattle . . . the Universities are brimming over with Old Boys . . . U.B.C. probably holds the record, some of the more prominent figures on the campus being Don Barton, Dave Smith, Camille Layard, Bob Mitten, Drew Fleck, Ned Larsen, Pat Ballentine, Nick Koerner, John Hicks, Lionel Wace, John Stokes, Raymond Best and others whose names are not on record . . . Varsity in Toronto has Harold Macdonald, in a gown, mark you, at Trinity College . . . McGill, Canada's greatest centre of culture played father and mother to Edwin Baker who successfully graduated in Architecture last year. Bob Simpson who was engaged in his leisure moments in a Commerce course, and Alistair Fraser who spent most of his time and money entertaining out-of-town guests, taking a law course on the side but went West to U.B.C. in 1947 . . . another embryo lawyer is John Gale who pursues the ambulances in the neighbourhood of Osgoode Hall in Toronto . . . one of

Calgary's more prominent private businessmen is John Motherwell who finds time between long week-ends at his summer estate on the Ghost River to conduct an excellent electrical supply business and is doing very well thank you . . . Skid Ashby was last seen at leisure in Duncan . . . it is understood by those in the know that Jimmy Flynn is planning to turn the footsteps back in the direction of Salvador . . . Hugh Wilkinson is off to the Yukon from Trail, B.C. . . . some of the Old Boys are as yet in the Services . . . F/L A. B. Hammond, D.F.C. and Bar is still with the Air Force . . . among the permanent Navy ranks will be found Lieutenants John Ley and Tony Slater, both married and both in Victoria . . . Lieut. Robin Hayward commands H.M.C.S. Ehkoli based at Esquimalt . . . among other guardians of law and order are Constables Martin Stainsby, who is with the Mounted Police in Ottawa and Brian Weld of the B.C. Provincial Police . . . further to notation about U.B.C.—other students include Monty Drake, Ian Forrest, Peter Skrimshire and Ian McPherson . . . Peter Duke has sensibly departed for Eastern Canada to learn the Ford car business from the fountainhead . . . John Wilkie is with the B.C. Telephone people telling customers that there are no phones available . . . but the most amazing tale is the chronicle of Dean Vaughan, who after his discharge from the Air Force, landed a job with a Montreal French-speaking newspaper (he knew no French at the time) and was sent as their representative to Toronto.

Births

HICKEY—At La Canada, California, on January 12th, 1946, to the wife of Yates Hickey, (1935-1940), a son.

DERBY—At San Francisco, on January 22nd, 1946, to the wife of Dr. Richard Derby (1934-1939), a son.

ROAF—At Vancouver, B.C., on January 25th, 1946, to the wife of W. G. H. Roaf (1922-1925), a son.

GROVES—At London, England, on February 3rd, 1946, to the wife of Lieut.-Colonel J. D. Groves (1920-1926), a son.

WHITTALL—At Vancouver, B.C., on February 20th, 1946, to the wife of J. W. Whittall (1927-1930), a daughter.

NIXON—At Victoria, B.C., on April 3rd, 1946, to the wife of Eckersall Nixon (1926-1932), a son.

FERGUSON—At Vancouver, B.C., on April 6th, 1946, to the wife of William I. Ferguson (1928-1930), a daughter.

COVERNTON—At Vancouver, B.C., on April 16th, 1946, to the wife of G. S. Covernton (1927-1933), a daughter.

WATSON—At Victoria, B.C., on April 18th, 1946, to the wife of S/L John Henry B. Watson (1923-1924), a daughter.

OGILVIE—On September 3rd, 1946, to the wife of John P. Ogilvie (1934-1938), a son.

Marriages

- SKRIMSHIRE—PATTERSON—In November, 1945, at Doeningen, Holland, Lieut. Peter M. T. Skrimshire (1929-1933) to Lieut. (N.S.) M. I. Patterson, R.C.A.N.C., daughter of the late Mr. W. C. Patterson and Mrs. Patterson.
- TYRWHITT-DRAKE—LANG—On June 7th, 1946, at Toronto, Ont., Captain M. L. Tyrwhitt-Drake (1935-1939) to Nancy Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Webster Lang.
- TUPPER—CAMPBELL—On June 8th, 1946, at Vancouver, B.C., C. G. H. Tupper (1928-1936) to Margaret Ada, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Campbell.
- FARRIS—GODDARD—On July 19th, 1946, at Liverpool, England, R. H. Farris (1926-1927) to Patricia May, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Goddard.
- GRAHAM—CHAPLIN—On July 20th, 1946, at Almonte, Ont., C. D. Graham (1925-1932) to Sylvia Lois, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Chaplin.
- SHANNON—RASMUSSEN—On August 17th, 1946, at Seattle, Wash., C. P. Shannon (1929-1932) to Margaret Dorothy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rasmussen.
- LEY—WHARTON—On November 30th, 1946, at London, England, Lieut. J. R. H. Ley, R.C.N. (1933-1941) to Rosamund Fitzgerald, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Wharton.
- SLATER—HUNT—On December 21st, 1946, at Victoria, B.C., Lieut. A. M. Slater, R.C.N. (1937-1939) to Barbara Jean Hunt.
- FLECK—GARDINER—On February 7th, 1947, at Vancouver, B.C., A. B. Fleck (1935-1940) to Gloria Elsie Louise, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Frederick Gardiner.
- CORBETT—WALKER—On March 19th, 1947, at Victoria, B.C., D. F. Corbett (1931-1935) to Kathleen Joan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Walker.
- TUPPER—GILLIES—On May 31st, 1947, at Ottawa, Ont., D. W. H. Tupper (1933-1937) to Joan Margot, daughter of Mrs. Austin Bain Gillies.
- LYNCH—GRAVES—On October 11th, 1947, at Vancouver, B.C., W. P. Lynch (1928-1932) to Bridget Philippa, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Noel C. P. Graves.
- BELL-IRVING—FROST—On October 25th, 1947, at Vancouver, B.C., I. M. Bell-Irving (1931-1935) to Joan Virginia, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Anson C. Frost.
- HAMMOND—ALLARD—On November 15th, 1947, at Montreal, P.Q., A. B. Hammond (1934-1939) to Marie Therese, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Moise Allard.

